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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph beginning on p. 7, line 12, as follows:

An initial description will now be made of how a high-frequency ceramic packa according to the embodiment is constructed. FIG. 1 illustrates a ceramic frame plate 12 bra jointed at the reverse side thereof to a jointed metal plate 11 by means of, e.g., a silver/copper s In addition, leads 13 for connection to the outside are brazed to the ceramic frame plate 12 th metallized patterns 14 by means of, e.g., the silver/copper solder. The metallized patterns formed on the ceramic frame plate 12 on the obverse side thereof. The lead 13 is formed by KV (a Fe-Ni-Co series alloy, called "Kovar" as a brand name) or a 42-alloy (a Ni-Fe alloy). the brazed metal plate 11, ceramic frame plate 12, and leads 13 are nickel-plated and gold-pla metal surfaces thereof, thereby forming the ceramic package 10. The substantially rectan shaped metal plate 11 is provided with fixing cutouts 15 at both ends of the metal plate 1 longitudinal direction thereof for fixing the cerarnic package 10. The metal plate 11 is screwed tight on a fixing member (not shown) at the cutouts 15. In the ceramic package 10, semicon electronic components are packaged in a concave cavity 16 on a bottom 16a thereof. The ce frame plate 12 has a hollow portion at the central portion thereof. The cavity 16 is defined be the jointed metal plate 11 and the ceramic frame plate 12. Namely, a semiconductor elec component mounting portion is formed on the bottom 16a of the cavity 16. The pac semiconductor components are then hermetically sealed by means of resin. A metal materi forms the bottom 16a is made from a highly heat-sinking material having a high level of th

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thicknesses of said first and second metal plates being substantially equal, said first and second plates being jointed at substantially the same level, and said second metal plate being a substantial rectangular plate.